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SUBJ: U.S. VISIT OF MINISTER CHANG AND ROKG FEUDING ON NUCLEAR
POWER MATTERS

REF: (A) SEOUL 1693, (B) SEOUL 2516, (C) STATE 69621,

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1. BECAUSE OF PRACTICAL MATTERS (ROKG CLEARANCE OF ACCOMPANYING
PERSONNEL, VISAS ACQUISITION, ETC) ATTENDING VISIT OF KOREAN
MINISTER CHANG YE-CHUN, MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND RESOURCES,
THERE IS CONSIDERABLE ANXIETY AT MINISTRY CONCERNING THE DATE
OF MEETING WITH DOE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER WHICH IS THE FOCAL
POINT OF TRIP. FOR CHANG-SCHLESINGER MEETING TO BE ONE
MONTH HENCE WILL SOON PUT MEETING DATE SOMETIME DURING FIRST
WEEK IN MAY. ONE POINT OF CONCERN IS THAT NATIONAL ELECTIONS
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BEING HELD IN MAY - JUNE FOR SELECTION OF DELEGATES WHICH
ELECT THE PRESIDENT THIS YEAR COULD REQUIRE MINISTER'S
PRESENCE IN KOREA DURING POLITICAL CAMPAIGN IN MAY AND
CONSEQUENTLY FORESTALL OR SHORTEN TRIP. TO AVOID THIS
NATURALLY EMBARRASSING CIRCUMSTANCE SCHLESINGER-CHANG
MEETING SHOULD BE HELD BEFORE MAY 12.

2. CHANG PLANS TO VISIT CANADA BEFORE OR AFTER WASHINGTON MEETINGS BUT PREFERS NOT TO FIX DATE OF CANADIAN VISIT UNTIL DATE OF SCHLESINGER MEETING IS SET.

3. ANOTHER ASPECT OF TRIP OF PRIME IMPORTANCE TO CHANG IS OBTAINING TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN DOE AND HIS MINISTRY SUCH AS SIGNING OF A JOINT COMMUNIQUE, LETTER OF INTENT, AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION ON SOLAR ENERGY, ETC. REFTELS D, E, AND F.

4. KINDLY ADVISE SOONEST CONCERNING FEASIBILITY AND DATE OF SCHLESINGER-CHANG MEETING AND SIGNING OF SOME KIND OF STATEMENT CONCERNING ENERGY COOPERATION. SNEIDER

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